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Caltrans Opens Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2)

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced the opening the Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) between La Cañada Flintridge and the Angeles Forest Highway (a county road) at a press conference today at the entrance of the Angeles National Forest. Motorists can now access the highway from La Cañada Flintridge to Wrightwood.

The heavy rains during mid-January 2010 caused several mudslides and road washouts along SR-2 in the Angeles National Forest. Portions of the asphalt and the fill under the road wash away leaving large gaps in the roadway. Washouts ranged between 50 to 110 feet along the highway and about 200 feet below it at some locations, making the highway unsafe and impassable.

“Obviously, this work has taken quite some time,” said Deputy District 7 Director of Construction Roy Fisher. “With steep and severe terrain, Mother Nature, and extremely damaged roadway, it was no quick or simple task to rebuild. Each solution was very complex.”

At this time the highway has been re-oiled to add more use-life and re-striped and the highway is ready to be opened to the general public.

“This was a major undertaking that required the expertise and skill of Caltrans engineers, geologists, biologists, maintenance crews, and many other staff,” said Fisher. “The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been a great partner that has helped to move the repairs along and help cover most of the state’s costs.”

There are still two storm-damaged sections of SR-2, a rock slide east of Mount Wilson Road and a washout east of Snow Creek. Both these locations are still under repair, but traffic control will be in place to allow motorists to pass through the area.

Burns Pacific Construction, Inc. of Thousand Oaks, Calif. is the contractor on this \$32 million emergency project. The majority of the funds will be reimbursed by the FHWA’s emergency relief program.

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